

## ***A statewide effort to promote informed citizenship and start a dialogue about the Constitution***

Kicking off on Constitution Day 2014, *Civics In Action Goes Viral* brings a volunteer lawyer into your classroom for an interactive presentation to introduce students to their role as citizens and increase their knowledge of the US Constitution.

The *Civics In Action* program began in 2011 with interactive presentations to a combined 76 Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in New Hampshire through 2012 and 2013. Posing the question, "Can You Pass the Test?" audiences were asked the same questions asked of those seeking US citizenship. Do most citizens know enough about US government to pass this test themselves? What does that say about our level of awareness as citizens in a democracy?

*Civics In Action Goes Viral* is an adaptation of this program for students in middle and high school classrooms that begins rolling out in the fall 2014.

**Practice here for the Test:** [Self-Study Tool](#). The actual civics test is NOT a multiple choice test. The civics test is an oral test. During a naturalization interview, the candidate is asked up to 10 questions from the list of 100 questions. At least 6 out of 10 questions must be answered correctly to pass the civics portion of the naturalization test.

In 2004, Congress required that all federally-funded schools observe "Constitution Day" by providing students with educational programs about the history and signing of the Constitution.

The goal of celebrating the September 17, 1787 signing of the US Constitution is to engage students in programming that will help them understand that citizen action and participation in government is the backbone of our country.

For Lesson Planning Resources, click here: [Constitution Day](#)

### **Classroom Presentations Available**

- A *Civics in Action* Ambassador (volunteer attorney) visits your classroom
- Students participate in a question-and-answer period about government and civic life
- [Sign up for a classroom visit](#)



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